

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

### PENSIONS TO RETIRED TEXAS RANGERS

H. J. R. No. 17

Proposing an amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 66, to provide that the Legislature shall have authority to provide a system of retirement and disability pensions to certain retiring Texas Rangers and their widows; stating the maximum of such pension; and providing a fund from which such pensions may be paid.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, shall be amended by adding thereto a new Section 66, to read as follows:

"Section 66. The Legislature shall have authority to provide for a system of retirement and disability pensions for retiring Texas Rangers who have not been eligible at any time for membership in the Employees Retirement System of Texas as that retirement system was established by Chapter 352, Acts of the Fiftieth Legislature, Regular Session, 1947, and who have had as much as two (2) years service as a Texas Ranger, and to their widows; providing that no pension shall exceed Eighty Dollars (\$80) per month to any such Texas Ranger or his widow, provided that such widow was legally married prior to January 1, 1957, to a Texas Ranger qualifying for such pension.

"These pensions may be paid only from the special fund created by Section 17, Article VII for a payment of pensions for services in the Confederate army and navy, frontier organizations, and the militia of the State of Texas, and for widows of such soldiers serving in said armies, navies, organizations or militia."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1958, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon:

"FOR the Constitutional amendment providing for pension to retired Texas Rangers who are ineligible to participate in the Employees Retirement System of Texas, and their widows."

"AGAINST the Constitutional amendment providing for pension to retired Texas Rangers who are ineligible to participate in the Employees Retirement System of Texas, and their widows."

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Adopted by the House, March 19, 1957: Yeas 144, Nays 0; House concurred in Senate amendments, April 25, 1957: Yeas 136, Nays 0; passed the Senate, as amended, April 25, 1957: Yeas 21, Nays 8.

Approved May 10, 1957.

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